



## **National Summit on Transportation Coordination**

On May 19-20, 2003, Community Transportation Association held a National Summit on Transportation Coordination entitled: *Coordination is a Verb*. This 2-day workshop focused on the identification of barriers to coordinated transportation as well as the development of recommendations to address those barriers outlined.

### **Participants in the Summit**

Participants in the Summit represented a diverse group of people from across the country. This group included representatives from the senior, rural, urban, medical, transit and disability communities as well as federal, state and local officials representing transportation and human services agencies.

### **Objectives of the Summit**

The overarching objective of the Summit was to create working groups to identify promising practices, participate in moderated discussions on coordination and barriers, and create solutions through developing a list of recommendations for federal agencies.

### **Recommendations Developed by the Summit**

Summit participants identified 5 major barriers to coordinated transportation prior to attending the Summit. Communication, Education, Turf, Funding and Regulations were presented to the working groups and prioritized these during the meeting in Philadelphia, PA. The following includes all of the recommendations identified during the course of the meeting.



**1. Recommendation: Create a stakeholders committee**

Establish a mission and an order to proceed to address insufficient funds, agency self-protection, inconsistent interpretation, uncommon and inconsistent measures, and the absence of cross-agency standards

**Responsible Party**

Stakeholders Committee

**2. Recommendation: Document costs**

Address insufficient funds, agency self-protection uncommon and inconsistent measures and absence of cross-agency standards and Inconsistent interpretation

**Responsible Party**

Stakeholders Committee

**3. Recommendation: Develop a system for documenting costs**

Create a "base line" document of how much money is spent on human services transportation. Be aware that coordination might not work initially and might not be cheaper. Be aware of unrealistic interpretations.

**Responsible Party**

Coordinating Council on Access and Mobility should implement then report back to the next CTAA meeting, and provide quarterly reports.

**4. Recommendation: Educate providers, politicians and the public**

Collect baseline measurements and develop a marketing campaign. Make presentation to community leaders, politicians, and public. Make coordination a priority on the local, state and federal level.

**Responsible Party**

Community Transportation Association, National Consortium, and YOU

**5. Recommendation: Increase the number of communities with Transit Advisory Communities that include HHS, DOL, DOT, funded consumers and other key stakeholders to develop a seamless transportation system and integrate transportation into broad goals**

**Responsible Party**

Local, state, and federal government



## **6. Recommendation: Eliminate Funding Constraints**

- Reduce 50% match need
- Include USDOT funds to be used as match for JARC funds
- Use contract services income as match like 5311 to 5307
- More money goes from curb to curb to door to door
- Use funding for capital for administration and operating
- Suggest using formula funding from rural/urban areas
- Advocate shared ride transportation for state funding
- Education of policy-makers on cost-benefit
- Non-DOT agencies to identify transportation spending
- Allow Local decisions on federal spending
- Allow capital funds as operating expenditures

### **Responsible Party**

Decision-making board with users as representatives

## **7. Clarity from Federal Agencies (DOT, HHS, DOL, DOE)**

Compile a state-by-state study to:

- Determine how different states are utilizing federal funds and which have restrictions
- Create One-Stop statewide center to disseminate and execute state coordination plan, which would be a clearinghouse and advocate for transportation program development

### **Responsible Party**

- Federal funding center
- State transit associations, State RTAPs, State advocacy organization